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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Corning – Authorities Arrest Man Accused of Throwing Molotov Cocktail at Police

(U) Authorities arrested a man after he allegedly threw Molotov cocktail at police. On 30 November, officers with the Corning Police Department began investigating a loud banging noise that was coming from outside the police department. The suspect, later identified as Cassidy Russ, 32, began "fumbling with an item near the front of his waistband," the police department said. As the officers gave the suspect verbal commands, Russ lit a Molotov cocktail and threw it toward police. The Molotov cocktail missed the officer and exploded near a parked vehicle. According to the Corning Police Department, this was not the first time Russ tossed a Molotov cocktail toward police. Russ had an active arrest warrant for a previous incident in late July when he threw a Molotov cocktail near where the police department stages marked patrol cars. Russ was booked into the Tehama County Jail on several charges, including attempted murder, possession of an explosive device, arson, battery on a peace officer, and resisting arrest.

SOURCE: 3 December 2022, [FOX News](#)

(U) Huntington Beach – Authorities Arrest California Man in Connection with 6 January Insurrection

(U) An Orange County man who reportedly boasted about being on a plane "loaded with fellow patriots" before allegedly taking photos of himself in the midst of the breach of the US Capitol on 6 January 2021 was arrested this week in Huntington Beach. Vincent Ardolino was taken into custody on Thursday, 1 December in connection with a newly-unsealed criminal complaint. In a statement filed with the court, prosecutors said Ardolino was tied to the crowd accused of trespassing at the US Capitol building through his Google and cell phone accounts, including a "selfie-style" photo of a man believed to be Ardolino wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat and appearing to stand in front of a group of officers. There was no indication in court filings that Ardolino is suspected of taking part in any violence or vandalism.

SOURCE: 5 December 2022, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Police Arrest 18 Involved in Retail Theft Ring

(U) Los Angeles police arrested 18 people involved in an organized crime ring that targeted clothing and shoe stores as recently as last week. The suspects ranged in age from 15-to-20 and were linked to retail thefts at chain stores Thursday and Friday where about \$23,000 worth of goods were stolen. They were likely involved in at least 14 earlier incidents, with stolen goods valued at \$90,000. The department did not identify the suspects or the retailers that were hit. The investigation included the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

SOURCE: 4 December 2022, [KCRA](#)

(U) Oroville – Man Accused of Deadly Stabbing Allegedly Tries to Pull Two Guns, Knife on Law Enforcement Personnel

(U) The Oroville Police Department and the Butte County Sheriff's Office have arrested a man whom the agencies believe stabbed and killed an individual in November. Daniel Shamblin, 39, of Oroville was placed under arrest Thursday after a struggle with law enforcement personnel. A warrant was filed for Shamblin on 23 November, a day after the stabbing incident took place. According to a press release

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issued Thursday by the Sheriff's Office, detectives attempted to pull a car over that was driven by Shamblin's girlfriend, Kayla Spoon, 27, of Oroville. "During the attempted traffic stop, detectives realized Shamblin was also in the vehicle," the release said. "Spoon immediately accelerated her vehicle, rammed an unmarked police vehicle, and almost hit a detective with her vehicle." A chase began through Oroville, during which Spoon allegedly rammed into another law enforcement vehicle. Eventually, Spoon crashed into a ditch and Shamblin then pulled a gun on the detectives which turned into a physical fight. He allegedly drew a second gun and a knife before the detectives were finally able to place both Shamblin and Spoon under arrest.

SOURCE: 2 December 2022, [Mercury News](#)

(U) San Diego – School District Advises Students, Staff to Change Passwords After Cybersecurity Threat

(U) San Diego Unified School District officials notified parents this week of a cybersecurity threat, and advised all staff and students to change their account passwords. No safety or emergency mechanisms were impacted and remain operational, Superintendent Lamont Jackson wrote in an email sent to parents. He said after learning of the threat, district officials secured the network and launched an investigation. They also notified law enforcement. District officials did not provide further information about what kind of cybersecurity incident occurred.

SOURCE: 2 December 2022, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) San Mateo – Police Collect 288 Guns Through Buyback Event

(U) A total of 288 firearms were collected during an anonymous gun buyback event held in San Mateo County on 3 December. The collection, which took place in San Carlos, included six assault weapons and 18 "ghost" or untraceable, guns. Those who took part surrendered their weapons, no questions asked, in exchange for \$50 to \$200 in cash.

SOURCE: 5 December 2022, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Mexican Authorities Seize 660-Pounds of Fentanyl Pills Hidden in Coconuts

(U) Sonoyta – Mexican authorities arrested two people after they discovered 660-pounds of fentanyl pills packed into coconuts inside a truck enroute to the town of Sonoyta, across the border from Arizona. Authorities were made aware of the truck as it traveled along a highway in the northern border state of Sonora, according to the attorney general's office. The road, which runs along the Gulf of California, eventually leads to Sonoyta, across the border from Lukeville, Arizona. Two people inside the vehicle were arrested on suspicion of attempting to transport illegal substances. They were not identified. Thousands of blue pills were found in plastic bags neatly tucked inside the coconuts, which had been split apart and then glued back together with the drugs inside.

SOURCE: 3 December 2022, [New York Daily News](#)

(U) Texas – Traffic Stop Turns into Largest Liquid Fentanyl Drug Bust in US History

(U) Robstown – Authorities preformed a traffic stop on State Highway 77 just south of Robstown, on a vehicle that had the largest amount of liquid fentanyl ever seized in the United States. "During the search we located a compartment built in the gas tank of this vehicle, and inside the gas tank was a modified tank which had roughly 25-pounds or 3-gallons of liquid fentanyl," explained Mike Tamez with the Nueces County District Attorney's Criminal Interdiction Unit. The US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) reports that two-milligrams of powder fentanyl can be lethal, depending on the person's body size. Nueces County District Attorney Mark Gonzalez said one-gallon of liquid fentanyl equals 3,785,411 milligrams of the substance, equal to more than five million lethal doses of fentanyl taken off the streets. SOURCE: 3 December 2022, [ABC 10](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – White House to Address Rising Anti-Semitism, Attacks on Jewish Communities

(U) Washington DC – The White House will address rising anti-Semitism in a roundtable event with Jewish leaders on Wednesday focused on attacks against Jews across the United States and how to combat hate. The move comes as reports of anti-Semitism have increased nationwide. Last year saw the largest number of anti-Semitic incidents, including murder, physical assaults, harassment and vandalism, since the Anti-Defamation League began collecting records 40-years ago, the racism watchdog said in its most recent annual audit.

SOURCE: 5 December 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Imposes Sanctions on Two Haitian Politicians for Drug Trafficking

(U) Washington DC – The United States on Friday imposed sanctions on a current and a former Haitian senator, accusing the two politicians of engaging in international drug trafficking activities, Washington's latest action targeting corruption in the Caribbean country. In a statement, the US Treasury Department said it had frozen the US assets of Haitian senator Rony Celestin and former senator Richard Lenine Hervé Fourcand. The Treasury accused Celestin of using his political position to organize the import of drugs from Venezuela into Haiti as well as the export of drugs to the United States and the Bahamas. Washington said Fourcand uses his aircraft to transport drugs through southern Haiti and accused him of using his "political clout" to install people in government positions that would help facilitate his drug trafficking activities.

SOURCE: 3 December 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mississippi – Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Hate Crime for Cross Burning

(U) Jackson – A Mississippi man who burned a cross in his front yard to intimidate his Black neighbors pleaded guilty to a hate crime in federal court, the Justice Department announced Friday. Axel Cox, 24, of Gulfport, was charged with violating the Fair Housing Act over the December 2020 incident, according to court records. The Justice Department said Cox gathered supplies from his home, put together a wooden cross in his front yard and propped it up so his Black neighbors could see it. He then doused it with motor oil and lit it on fire. He also addressed the family with racially derogatory language.

SOURCE: 2 December 2022, [AP](#)

(U) North Carolina – Shootings At Two Power Substation Causes Power Outages

(U) Carthage – Two power substations in a North Carolina county were damaged by gunfire in what is being investigated as a targeted, criminal act, causing damage that could take days to repair and leaving tens-of-thousands of people without electricity. In response to ongoing outages, which began just after 7 p.m. Saturday across Moore County, officials announced a state of emergency that included a curfew from 9 p.m. Sunday to 5 a.m. Monday. A Moore County Sheriff noted that the FBI was working with state investigators to determine who was responsible. Roughly 36,000 electric customers in the county were without power on Sunday evening. A Duke Energy spokesman reported multiple pieces of equipment were damaged and will have to be replaced. He said while the company is trying to restore power as quickly as possible, he braced customers for the potential of outages lasting days.

SOURCE: 5 December 2022, [AP](#)

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(U) Mexico – Judge Shot and Killed in the State of Zacatecas

(U) Zacatecas – A Mexican judge, Judge Roberto Elias, died on 4 December after being shot in the violent state of Zacatecas in northern Mexico, according to state government sources. Zacatecas has become one of the most violent regions in Mexico amid disputes between organized crime gangs for control of the state. The head of the National Guard in the state, one of the highest-ranking commanders of Mexico's militarized police force, was killed last month in a confrontation with armed men during an operation against organized crime.

SOURCE: 4 December 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Army Reportedly Kills 24 Boko Haram Members in Borno

(U) Borno – Nigerian troops neutralized at least 24 Boko Haram fighters in the Mafa-Dikwa axis of Borno State. The terrorists were killed during a coordinated fighting patrol with members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (JTF) on 3 December. The operations targeted villages that had been used to attack troops and other law-abiding citizens along the 40-kilometer Maiduguri/Ngo road. The troops also recovered 40 bicycles and other weapons used in attacking some of the military bases and communities.

SOURCE: 5 December 2022, [The Guardian](#)

(U) Spain – Several Ukrainian Embassies Receive ‘Bloody Packages’ Containing Animal Eyes

(U) Madrid – Ukraine's embassy in Madrid received a parcel containing animal eyes on Friday, the latest in a series of similar "bloody packages" sent to its diplomatic missions across Europe, Ukrainian, and Spanish officials said. Police cordoned off the compound in the Spanish capital and started searching the area with sniffer dogs. The packages, soaked in a liquid with a distinctive color and smell, have been sent to embassies in Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Croatia and Italy, to general consulates in Naples and Krakow, and the consulate in Brno, Ukraine foreign ministry spokesperson Oleg Nikolenko said.

SOURCE: 2 December 2022, [Reuters](#)

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